



Freedom Camping (Penalties for Infringement Offences) Regulations 2023

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 12th day of June 2023

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 43 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Tourism.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Freedom Camping (Penalties for Infringement Offences) Regulations 2023.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 13 July 2023.

3 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions (if any) set out in Schedule 1 have effect according to their terms.

4 Descriptions in Schedule 2 are indications only

The descriptions in the second column of Schedule 2 are an indication of the content of the provisions they describe and are not intended to be used in the interpretation of those provisions.

5 Penalties for infringement offences

The penalties for an infringement offence in the Freedom Camping Act 2011 are the penalties specified for that infringement offence in the third and fourth columns of Schedule 2.

Schedule 1
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Part 1
Provisions relating to these regulations as made

There are no transitional, savings, or related provisions in these regulations as made.

Schedule 2
Penalties for infringement offences under Freedom Camping Act
2011

Section	Description of offence	Infringement fee (\$)	Maximum fine (\$)
	<i>Infringement offences relating to local authority areas</i>		rr 4, 5
20(1)(a)	Freedom camping in local authority area in breach of prohibition or restriction in bylaw	400	1,200
20(1)(b)	Freedom camping in local authority area using a motor vehicle that is not self-contained, other than where permitted	400	1,200
20(1)(c)	Failing to display a warrant card when freedom camping in a motor vehicle in a local authority area, other than where permitted	200	600
20(1)(d)	Freedom camping in a local authority area in a self-contained motor vehicle with more people than the vehicle is certified for	400	1,200
20(1)(e)	Interfering with or damaging a local authority area, its flora or fauna, or any structure in the area while freedom camping or depositing waste in or on the area while freedom camping	800	2,400
20(1)(f)	Making preparations to freedom camp in a local authority area in breach of prohibition or restriction in bylaw	400	1,200
20(1)(g)	Making preparations to freedom camp in a local authority area using a motor vehicle that is not self-contained, other than where permitted	400	1,200
20(1)(h)	Making preparations to freedom camp in a local authority area in a self-contained motor vehicle with more people than the vehicle is certified for	400	1,200
20(1)(i)	Failing or refusing to leave a local authority area when required to do so by an enforcement officer	600	1,800
	<i>Infringement offences relating to conservation land</i>		
20A(a)	Freedom camping on conservation land in breach of prohibition or restriction in notice	400	1,200
20A(b)	Failing to display a warrant card when freedom camping in a motor vehicle on conservation land where freedom camping is restricted to self-contained motor vehicles	200	600
20A(c)	Interfering with or damaging conservation land, its flora or fauna, or any structure on the land while freedom camping or depositing waste in or on the land while freedom camping	800	2,400
20A(d)	Making preparations to freedom camp on conservation land in breach of prohibition or restriction in notice	400	1,200
20A(e)	Failing or refusing to leave conservation land when required to do so by an enforcement officer	600	1,800

Section	Description of offence	Infringement fee (\$)	Maximum fine (\$)
	<i>Infringement offences relating to LINZ land</i>		
20B(a)	Freedom camping on LINZ land other than where permitted	400	1,200
20B(b)	Freedom camping on LINZ land in breach of restriction or condition in notice	400	1,200
20B(c)	Failing to display a warrant card when freedom camping in a motor vehicle on LINZ land where freedom camping in a motor vehicle is permitted on the condition that the motor vehicle is self-contained	200	600
20B(d)	Interfering with or damaging LINZ land, its flora or fauna, or any structure on the land while freedom camping or depositing waste in or on the land while freedom camping	800	2,400
20B(e)	Making preparations to freedom camp on LINZ land other than where permitted	400	1,200
20B(f)	Making preparations to freedom camp on LINZ land in breach of restriction or condition in notice	400	1,200
20B(g)	Failing or refusing to leave LINZ land when required to do so by an enforcement officer	600	1,800
	<i>Other infringement offences</i>		
20C(a)	Displaying an altered or fraudulent warrant card	600	1,800
20C(b)	Presenting an altered or fraudulent certificate of self-containment	600	1,800
20C(c)	Refusing to give information when required to do so or giving false or misleading information	600	1,800

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 13 July 2023, prescribe penalties for infringement offences in the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Provisions addressing procedural matters related to infringement offences can be found in—

- sections 25 to 31 of that Act; and
- section 21 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.

Regulatory impact statement

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment produced a regulatory impact statement on 9 November 2022 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/26456-regulatory-impact-statement-freedom-camping-regulations-nov-22-pdf>
- <https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/ris>

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